

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Reber

SUBJECT: Suggestion to Chairman, Watch Committee
that that Committee achieve a progress
report to the IAC.

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Chairman, Watch Committee,
dated 1 October (attached).

1. In the NSC Status Report for the period ending 30 June 1953, the section on "Coordination" listed the nine inter-departmental committees to coordinate intelligence programs.

2. On 20 August 1953 OIC reported to the DD/I, in connection with providing background information for Agency budget estimates, that a major accomplishment of OIC during the past year had been "as Secretary of the IAC, assisted the Chairman of the IAC and its subcommittees in the functioning of those interagency bodies concerned with intelligence production, collection, and operations."

3. In interagency discussions which produced the NSC report, the agency representatives said that they wished it were possible to state that the nine IAC committees were making their own progress reports. Since the OIC statement of accomplishments was written in August, it has been OIC's hope and practice to induce such reports, so that the IAC committees

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would be themselves helped and so that the next NSC progress report may make reference to this progress.

4. By 1 October the IWG and the SEC had submitted their first annual reports which had been reproduced, ~~reproduced~~ disseminated to the IAC, and scheduled for noting (the IWG report was noted on 6 October; the SEC report was noted on 13 October).

5. On 15 September General Willems circulated his Indications Center proposal to the IAC, who agreed to discuss it at the next meeting. At the request of OCI it was not scheduled for discussion at the meeting of 22 September nor at the meeting of 29 September. Consequently on 1 October the IAC Secretary sent referenced memorandum to the Chairman of the Watch Committee as well as to the Chairmen of the IDC and the NSCID-7 Committee. On 6 October the IAC considered the Willems' proposal and agreed to form a special committee.

6. Developments after 1 October in regard to the referenced memorandum have been as follows:

a. Colonel Anderson informed the undersigned that General Willems appreciated the suggestion and would raise it at the Watch Committee meeting on the 8th.

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b. [REDACTED] of OCI informed me that

General Willems had circulated the 1 October memorandum and asked the Watch Committee representatives for their views. I provided [REDACTED] with copies of the other committee reports mentioned in referenced memorandum and suggested to him that OCI might not wish a progress report produced by the Watch Committee pending completion of the IAC special committee's study.

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c. After the Watch Committee meeting on the 15th,

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[REDACTED] informed me that he had voted in favor of preparing a report and that he understood that the Watch Committee would draft a report and circulate it to the representatives for comment.

d. On the 27th of October Mr. Sheldon inquired of Mr. Reber as to what the background was, apparently being in possession of the draft Watch Committee report. When informed, Mr. Sheldon said that he would handle it entirely himself.